

October 31, 1935

C. V. MATTHEWS

Charles Victor Matthews, second son of Lyman and Alvina Matthews, was born in Van Buren county, Michigan, April 22, 1858, and departed from this earth Wednesday morning, Oct. 16, 1935, at 8 o'clock, at the age of 77 years, 5 months and 25 days. Death was caused by a stroke of paralysis.

He is survived by his wife, Jennie; two sons and one daughter, Lyman of Groton, Dustin and Ethel at home, and one granddaughter, Blanche Elaine Matthews; one nephew, Leon Matthews of South Bend, Ind. His parents and two brothers preceded him in death.

Mr. Matthews was employed in Indiana for fourteen years, then came to Groton, S. D., in 1883, taking up a claim in Bates township, near Ferney. He went back to Michigan for five years, coming back to Bates township in 1888 and lived the rest of his life in the Bates and Scotland community.

In 1892 he was married to Miss Jennie Feller, the ceremony taking place at the S. J. Feller home in Bates.

Mr. Matthews was a highly respected citizen, taking an active part in everything that was to improve the community. He was a member of the Bethel Evangelical church and helped

to establish that church in 1904. He was also a charter member of the Bates and Scotland band, being its first director.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel church, Saturday at 2 p. m. Rev. C. W. Zeck officiated. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in the Bethel church. Pall-bearers were six nephews: Thurlo Feller, Jr., Donald, Wayne and Alvin Feller, Jr., Chester Ragels and Lester Ragels.

He was laid peacefully to rest in the Scotland cemetery. Alfred Paetznick was in charge of the funeral.